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AN ACT to amend Chapter 130 of the Acts of 1907; as amended by Chapter 375 of the Acts of 1909; Chapter 535 of the Private Acts of 1953 and Chapter 413 of the Private Acts of 1972; and any other acts amendatory thereto, relative to election of aldermen.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Chapter 130 of the Acts of 1907, as amended by Chapter 375 of the Acts of 1909; Chapter 535 of the Private Acts of 1953; Chapter 413 of the Private Acts of 1972; and any other acts amendatory thereto, is amended by deleting Section 13 and substituting instead the following:

Sec. 13 (a). Be it further enacted, that on the first Wednesday in June 2002, and on the same day biennially thereafter an election shall be held at a place or places designated by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen for the purpose of electing Aldermen and Mayor for said Town whose terms of office shall be as follows:

Mayor for two (2) Years commencing on the 1st day of September following the election; and

Aldermen for a term of four (4) years commencing on the 1st day of September following the election.

Said Officials shall serve in their respective capacities until the expiration of the terms of office as stated and until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

There shall be six (6) Aldermen for the Town of Livingston with three (3) being elected every two (2) years for a four (4) year term. Candidates shall run citywide, with all persons eligible to vote in City elections voting for three (3) candidates. The three (3) candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected.

(b) The Mayor and Board of Aldermen, in office at the time, shall appoint officers, judges, and clerks to hold said election in compliance with the general election laws of the State of Tennessee.

(c) All persons of lawful age, and either residents or property owners, are qualified to vote in said election, and the Officers holding said election shall certify the returns to the existing Mayor and Board of Aldermen, who shall canvass the same and declare the result; should there be a tie, they shall decide the election by a majority vote.

SECTION 2. Chapter 130 of the Acts of 1907, and all acts amendatory thereto, is amended by deleting in Section 4 the language "two years" and substituting instead the language "four years".

SECTION 3. Chapter 130 of the Acts of 1907, and all acts amendatory thereto, is amended by deleting Section 2 and substituting instead the following:

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, That the government of said Town shall be vested in a Mayor and six (6) Aldermen. The Mayor shall be elected for a term of two (2) years and the Aldermen shall be elected as follows:

Beginning with the June 2002 general election, upon the expiration of the terms of the Aldermen, the Aldermen shall be elected from the City at-large for four (4) year terms by all persons eligible to vote in City elections.

SECTION 4. This act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the legislative body of Livingston. Its approval or nonapproval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of Livingston and certified to the secretary of state.

SECTION 5. For the purpose of approving or rejecting the provisions of this act, it shall be effective upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, it shall become effective as provided in Section 4.